of about Rs. 3,200 crores was provided for these two Planheads as per Revised Budget Estimates.

(c) Yes, Sir. It is fact that work on many of the Road Over/Under bridges (ROB/RUB) sanctioned on 'out-of-turn' basis could not be taken up immediately due to following reasons:

(i) General Arrangement Drawing not finalized by State Govt. in time.

(ii) Details Cost Estimates of approaches not made available in time by State Govt.

(iii) State Government delayed in allocating funds for sanctioned ROB work.

(iv) Delay by State Govt. in acquisition of land required for approaches.

(v) Few of the roads were classified as National Highway (NH) hence the ROBs falling thereon have to be referred to Ministry of Road Transport and Highways/National Highway Authority of India.

Development of stations of international standard

†530. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways have decided to seek the services of designers to make major railway stations in the country of international standard including the metro cities;

(b) if so, the stations proposed to be made of international standard;

(c) the facilities which would be provided to the passengers on these stations; and

(d) by when all the major stations would be converted into model stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) To begin with Railways have planned to develop New Delhi, Howrah (Kolkata), Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (Mumbai) and Chennai Central Railway Station (Chennai) into world class stations.

†Original notice of question was received in Hindi.

Development of design and plans for these stations, services of consultants as considered necessary are being taken.

Recommendations of Passenger Amenities Committee

531. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 459 given in Rajya Sabha on the 5th December, 2003 and state:

(a) the details of recommendations of Passenger Amenities Committee accepted by Government; and

(b) the details of actions taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) As stated in the reply to Unstarred Question number 459 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th December, 2003, the suggestions/observations of the Passenger Amenities Committee are kept in view while formulating guidelines and implementation.

Bullet trains

532. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a proposal before Government to commence bullet trains in the country;

(b) whether special passenger corridors were proposed to be constructed for the purpose;

(c) whether freight corridors were also contemplated by Government; and

(d) the details of the status as regards passenger corridor and freight corridor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Dedicated Railway Freight Corridor Projects on Western and